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Overview of the Pacific Northwest Aquatic Monitoring Partnership (PNAMP)

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20 Signatory Partners form the steering committee

4 full-time staff

Everyone is welcome to participate



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PNAMP Mission Statement

To provide a forum to enhance the capacity of multiple entities to collaborate to produce an effective and comprehensive network of aquatic monitoring programs in the Pacific Northwest based on sound science designed to inform public policy and resource management decisions.



Two Primary Objectives of PNAMP

1. Align and integrate how we monitor and collect data



Examples

- Habitat Status & Trends Monitoring Lower Columbia River
- Linking Macroinvertebrates and Fish Productivity
- Macroinvertebrate PNW Standard Taxonomic Effort

2. Plan for data sharing and sustain data sharing infrastructure

Examples:

- [MonitoringResources.org](https://www.monitoringresources.org)
 - Monitoring Methods
 - Sample Designer
 - Monitoring Explorer



Habitat Status and Trends Monitoring (HSTM) for the Lower Columbia

Phase I (Feb 2012 – June 2013)

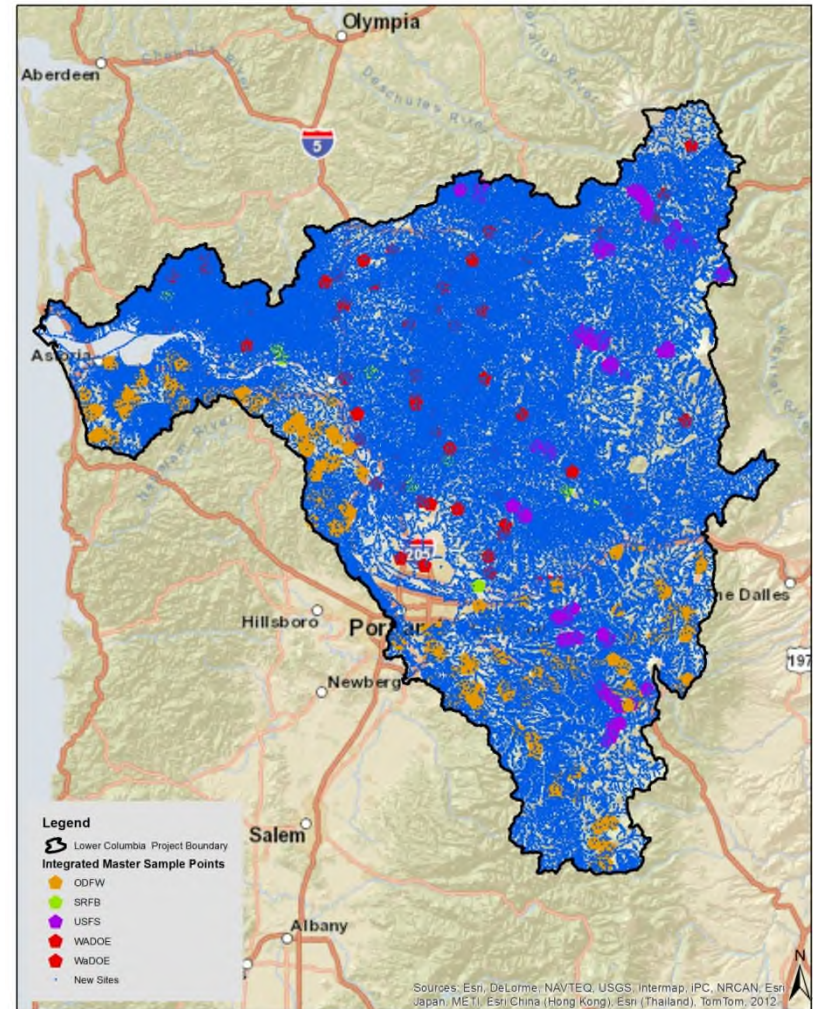
- Coordinate efforts by municipal stormwater managers in Southwest Washington with fish status and trend monitoring programs.
- To result in a large-scale status and trends monitoring (probabilistic) program to address multi-scale questions about status and trends of physical, chemical and biological attributes, including those influenced by stormwater and by salmon recovery actions.
- 4 workshops, 2 teleconference work sessions, 3 reports summarize the work
- Contact Amy Puls (apuls@usgs.gov)



Habitat Status and Trends Monitoring (HSTM) for the Lower Columbia

Phase I - Results

- Summarized management questions and objectives
- Developed list of metrics necessary to answer management questions
- Evaluated alternative monitoring scenarios
- Conducted tradeoff analysis for alternative monitoring scenarios
- Evaluated monitoring design elements
- Developed Final Recommendation



HSTM Integrated Master Sample

Habitat Status and Trends Monitoring (HSTM) for the Lower Columbia

Phase II (Oct 2013 – Feb 2015)

- Objectives
 1. Finalize the monitoring design
 2. Create a pilot study design and implementation plan to test the monitoring strategy; and
 3. Implement an outreach program to get feedback and share ideas among stakeholders and interested parties.



Another Example of Aligning and Integrating Data

Linking Macroinvertebrates and Fish Productivity

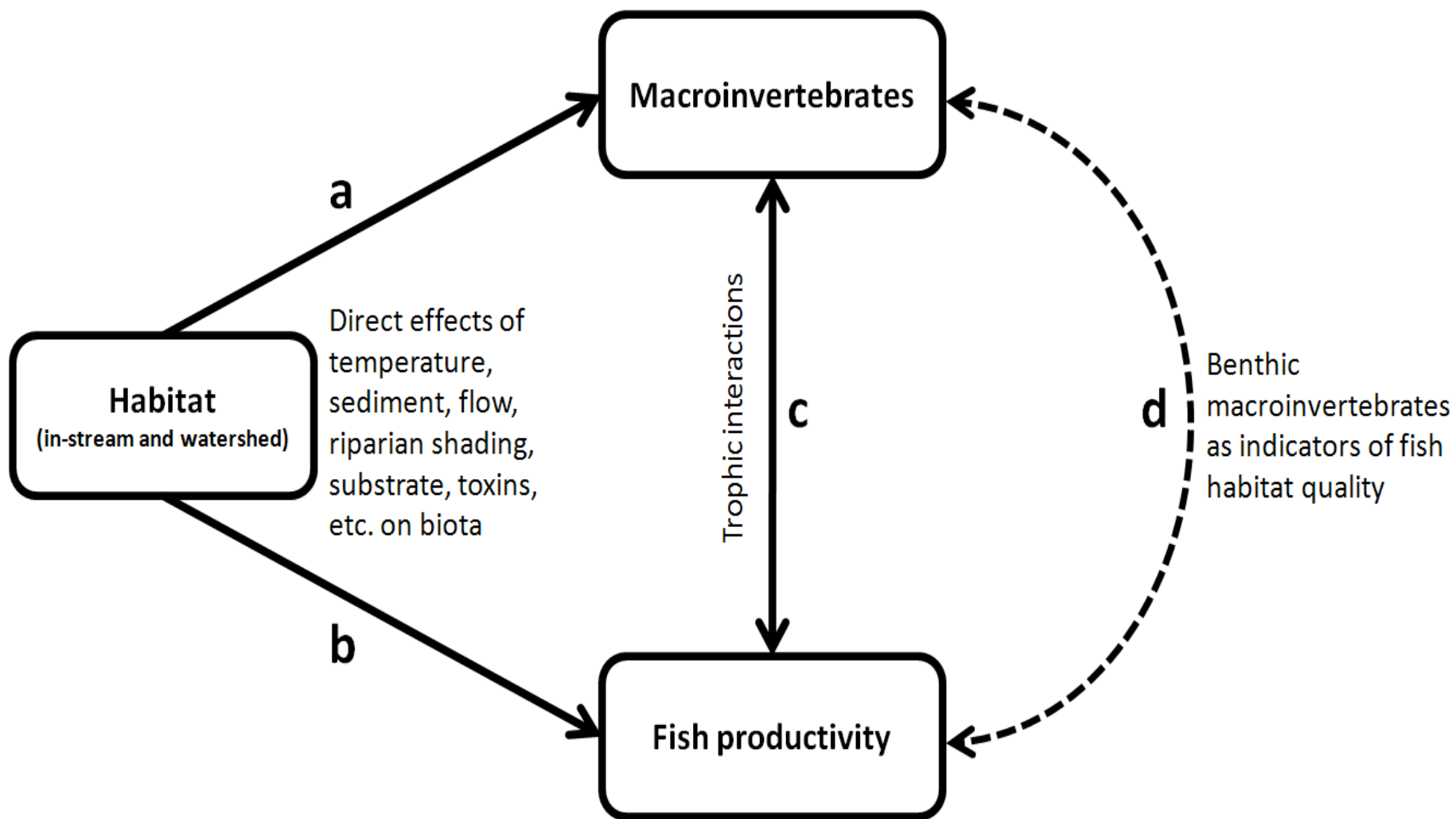
WHY

Currently MI assemblages have scant consideration in the assessment of fish productivity and habitat quality for fish.

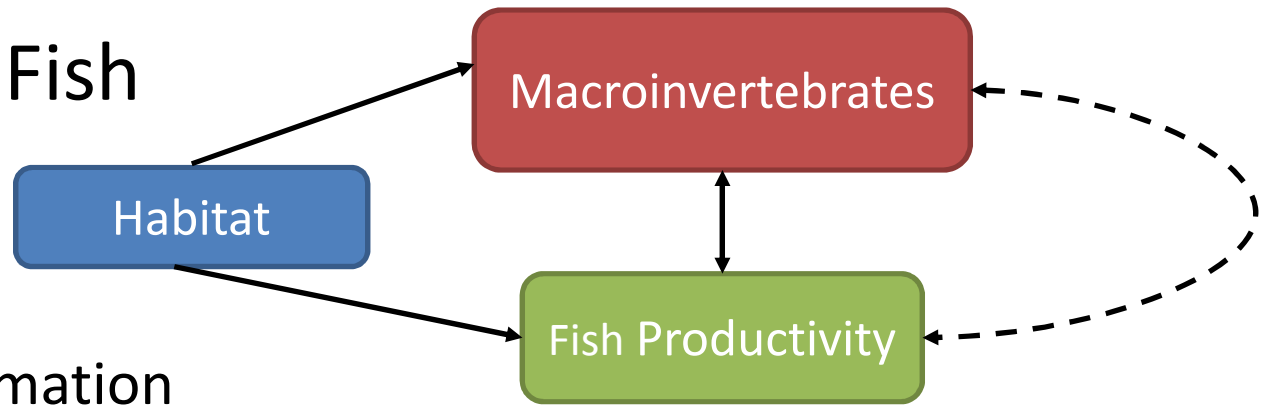
Examination of the relationship among MIs, habitat, and fish may inform the development of improved metrics and indicators useful for assessing the effectiveness of habitat restoration projects and for describing the value of a habitat toward fish productivity.

HOW

Symposium with a panel discussion at Oregon AFS Feb 2013 to explore issues, opportunities, and next steps.



Linking MIs and Fish



NEXT STEPS

A) Using existing information

- Mine existing data sets linking BMIs, fish metrics, and habitat conditions
- Conduct a literature review or meta-analysis linking BMI indices, fish metrics, and fish habitat

B) Research on secondary production/food webs

- Conduct studies to understand invertebrate production in order to use ecosystem-based approaches for linking fishes to their food
- Resolve our understanding of food webs, as relevant to fish
- Development of a salmonid foraging index- Improve existing foraging models

Another Example of Aligning and Integrating Data

Northwest Standard Taxonomic Effort (NWSTE)



WHY

To improve macroinvertebrate data sharing across the Pacific Northwest

HOW

Standardized taxonomic nomenclature and resolution to use when identifying macroinvertebrates



NWSTE Taxa Lists Update

Groups ready for review

Bivalvia, Elmidae, Ephemeroptera, Gastropoda, Neuroptera, Plecoptera, Trichoptera

Groups in progress

Chironomidae, Crustacea, Dytiscidae, Hemiptera, Megaloptera, Misc. Diptera, Misc. non-insects, Odonata, Oligochaeta

Still to go

Hydrophilidae, Lepidoptera, Misc. other Coleoptera, Provisional taxa

Project Webpage:

<http://www.pnamp.org/project/4210>

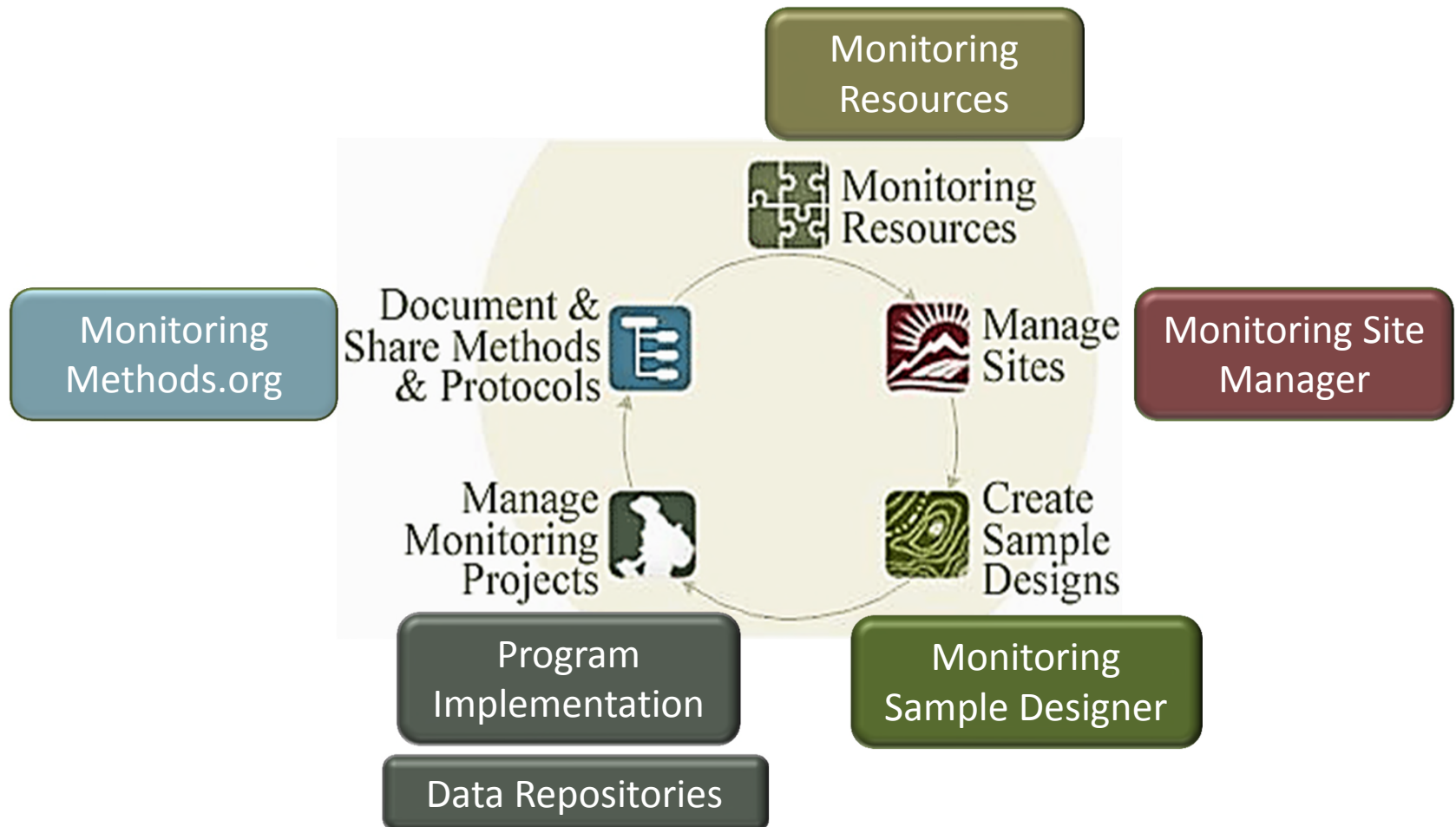
Plan for data sharing and sustain data sharing infrastructure

We need to have more thorough, consistent documentation available about our programs and projects to support multiple needs.



- Access to information about implementation that can be shared across region
- Leads to data discovery & more efficient sharing of results
- Leads to collaboration, greater efficiency
- Leads to recommendations for funders & practitioners

PNAMP's Suite of Web Resources



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- More thorough, consistent documentation about programs & projects
 - Project planning, implementation, reporting, transparency, accountability
 - Regional & national – coordination, collaboration, data sharing, broad-scale assessments
- Common terminology
- Support for design & analysis
- Online system
 - Automated transfers - reduce redundancy, entry



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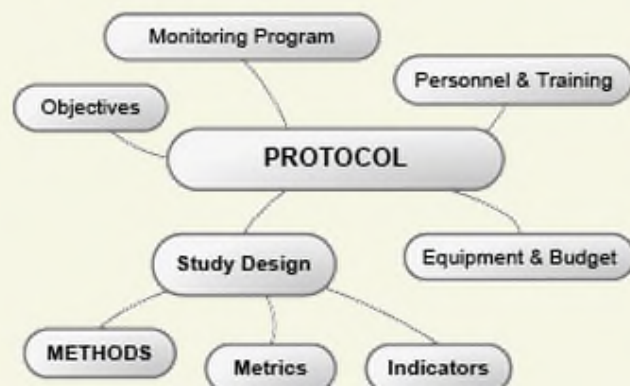
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Our Anatomy of a Protocol

"Protocol" is one of those terms that means many things to many people. Check out our definition to get a quick idea of what this application is about.



Recent Discussions

Below is a quick summary of recent discussions.

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["Method to be deleted soon - ref \(id:746\)"](#) on Method: 362

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- Promote consistent documentation
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- Promote community discussions
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- Help increase interoperability between data systems

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Basics & Objectives

BACKGROUND / RATIONALE

An effective water quality management program must be based upon an accurate and complete understanding of water quality conditions within the state. Water monitoring and assessment are the foundations for sound water quality management. The Oregon DEQ water monitoring and assessment strategy is based upon providing reliable, high quality water quality information that will address the short term and long term information needs of the data users.

The state of Oregon boasts an abundance and diversity of water resources. Nine major estuaries are situated along the coast of the Pacific Ocean; 6000 lakes and reservoirs are scattered throughout the state, including many pure lakes in the high Cascade Mountain region. A network of over 110,000 miles of rivers and streams cross and border the state, with groundwater aquifers lying beneath the surface.

The Oregon Department of Environmental Quality (ODEQ) is that state agency responsible for protecting water quality throughout Oregon. The Water Quality Division within DEQ administers the Water Quality Program. Monitoring and evaluation are essential components of Oregon's water pollution control programs. The basis for documenting water quality conditions is provided by routine or ambient sampling at established river and estuary stations.

MONITORING PROGRAM

[ODEQ Ambient Water Quality Monitoring Program](#)

OBJECTIVES FOR THIS PROTOCOL

Provide conventional pollutant data that is used to determine baseline water quality.
To answer the basic questions: Does water quality meet standards?
To answer the basic questions: How does water quality vary spatially across the state?
Provide conventional pollutant data that is used to determine general problem areas needing further investigation.
Provide conventional pollutant data that is used to determine management effectiveness.
The objective is to provide information that can answer basic questions. This will lead to an informed public and will help achieve wise water quality management policies.
Provide conventional pollutant data that is used to determine long-term trending.

KEY ASSUMPTIONS

Ideally, the purpose of the WMA sections is to provide the data user with timely and useful data of known quality in an understandable fashion. However, potential conflicts may occur when time and resources are scarce. Therefore, priorities need to be established. While each monitoring situation is unique and must be assessed, the following are generalized priorities for monitoring:

Top priority shall be given to data collection that is needed because the safety, health or well being of the citizens of Oregon is at risk (e.g. pesticide spill).

Document and

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Quick Stats

With a growing number of Protocols and Methods, it can be difficult to keep up.

AS OF SEPTEMBER 5, 2013:



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Welcome to Sample Designer.
Build your survey to exploit the
benefits of being part of a master
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Explore

Learn the steps in designing surveys with master samples.

- Read about GRTS master sample monitoring.
- Investigate individual master samples at Monitoring Sites.

Design
Sample

Build your sample survey.

- Answer a few questions to see if this tool is for you, and to plan your survey.
- Select one or more master samples as the source of your sample.
- Define your survey's frame.

- Intended user group knowledgeable about GRTS design
- Support development of statistically robust GRTS design using a Master Sample, document your design
- Output shapefile of sample sites



Monitoring Site Manager

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- Get a summary of 'who', 'what', 'when' & 'how'
 - Developing spatial visualization and analysis tools - need feedback from you
- www.monitoringresources.org/Sites/Explorer/Index

CHaMP Site

Site Name: CBW05583-011122
Lat/Long: 44.27652, -119.42003

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Site Details

Summary

CBW05583-011122

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Visit - 8/31/2012

Organization	Eco Logical Research (Eco Logical Research)
Monitoring Program	CHaMP (Columbia Habitat Monitoring Program)
Protocol	806
Data Repository	CHaMPmonitoring.org
Download URI	Download
Sample Design	John Day Watershed Habitat Surveys within
Funding Source	Bonneville Power Administration
Contract Number	56346

Visit - 8/16/2013

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Layers

Monitoring Explorer

- Many organizations collect data, but few share location, visit history, and protocol information in readily available, standardized machine readable formats
- Result = programs are not well coordinated
- Solution = Monitoring Metadata Exchange (MMX)
- Standardizing and sharing the who, what, when, where, and how of data collection efforts benefits funders and practitioners alike
- Next steps: PNAMP working group will develop a metadata exchange standard





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